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Availability of Drinking Water
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of population and habitations getting 40 litres per capita/per day of safe drinking water in the rural areas of the country;
(b) the number of rural habitations which are yet to be provided safe drinking water, State-wise; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the availability of safe drinking water to all in rural areas at the earliest?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) As per information entered by States on web portal Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of this Ministry, as on 10.03.2017, the details of population and habitations which are getting at least 40 litre per capita per day safe drinking water in the rural areas of the country is at Annexure-I.
b) As per information entered by States on web portal Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of this Ministry, as on 10.03.2017, State-wise number of rural habitations which are not getting safe drinking water (i.e. containing at least one chemical contaminant) is at Annexure-II.
c) Providing drinking to the rural population is an ongoing process. This Ministry has taken following steps to ensure the availability of safe drinking water to all in rural areas in the country:
(i) All states can utilize up to 67% of total National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) fund to provide safe drinking water in rural areas.
(ii) 5% of NRDWP fund has been earmarked for water quality to ensure the availability of safe drinking water.
(iii) In 2016-17, Rs. 814.13 crore has been released under National Water Quality Sub-mission programme for various ongoing schemes covering Arsenic and Fluoride affected habitations.
(iv) In March 2016, NITI Aayog has provided Rs. 1000 crore to various states for immediate solutions in Arsenic and Fluoride affected habitations.
(v) States have been allowed to take up new scheme in arsenic and fluoride affected areas.